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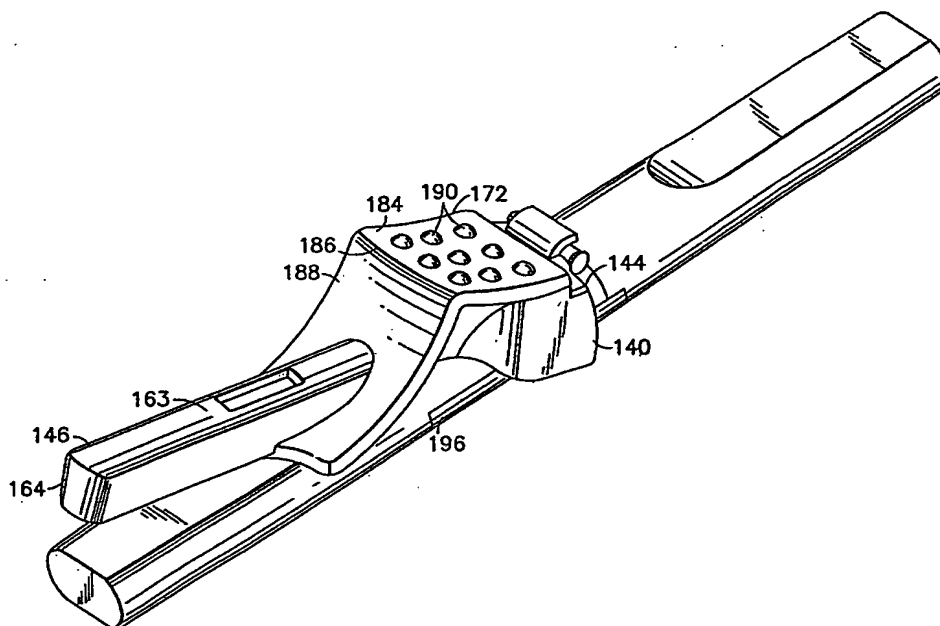
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(57) Abstract: A safety needle assembly includes a hub with a needle cannula that has a pointed distal end that projects distally beyond the hub. A shield is hingedly mounted to the hub for rotation from a first position where the needle cannula is exposed to a second position where the needle cannula is shielded. The cannula finger lock has a base end joined integrally to a sidewall of the shield and a free end that projects angularly from the sidewall towards the top wall. Portions of the cannula finger lock near the base end are relatively rigid, whereas portions of the cannula finger lock towards the free end are more flexible.



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